

**JOPLIN CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 3, 2023
MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

The January 3, 2023, regular meeting of the Joplin City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Doug Lawson.

INVOCATION was read by City Clerk Holly Nagy.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA was led by Dr. Mark Farnham.

ROLL CALL

Answering Roll Call were Council Members: Charles Cople, Keenan Cortez, Josh DeTar, Mark Farnham, Doug Lawson, Kate Spencer, Phil Stinnett, and Christina Williams. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Mr. DeTar to excuse Mr. Shaw. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cople, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Spencer, Stinnett, and Williams, 8 Nays: 0. Absent: Shaw, 1. Also, in attendance were City Manager Nick Edwards and City Attorney Peter Edwards.

PRESENTATIONS

Building Permits Online Transition Update

AJ Whistler, Assistant Director of Finance, presented.

FINALIZATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

News from the Public Information Office

If citizens want to know more about the Joplin Police Department, they have a great opportunity by enrolling in upcoming Citizens Police Academy. Offered as a 14-week program, the Academy is FREE of charge and provides an interactive, behind-the-scenes program taught by police officers.

The classes are every Thursday evening starting February 2nd from 6 to 9 p.m. The Citizens Academy ends on May 4th with a closing ceremony and dinner. The class size is limited to 25 participants. Applicants must be 21 years or older and pass a background check. If interested, citizens can contact the Police Department or go to the Police Department's website at joplinpolice.org.

We have an opportunity that citizens will want to participate. We just issued a survey where citizens can provide their input about City services and operations on how we are utilizing currently available resources.

This survey gives Joplin residents the chance to provide meaningful feedback across all departments and divisions and helps direct budget resources and planning efforts. We have all heard different comments on various services, so this is a good opportunity for the public to share their thoughts. The survey can be taken at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JoplinCS> and also on smartphones by utilizing this QR code.

All responses are anonymous and will be tabulated to share. The survey is open from January 3 to January 20, 2023. Printed copies of the survey can also be completed at the Joplin Public Library, 1901 East 20th Street in Joplin. Please share your thoughts!

The City of Joplin is well-positioned to improve community-wide broadband access and we need the help of our residents and businesses! We are requesting all citizens of Joplin to log data about their internet and speed connectivity through a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) study.

This will help update the broadband internet maps and provide critical data to the Missouri Department of Economic Development which directs resources to build out future internet infrastructure.

To complete this request, they will log onto the Missouri Dept. of Economic Development page at <https://ded2.mo.gov/connecting-all-missourians> and click on the map portal listed on this page to see how their home or business is currently shown with regard to internet connectivity and speed. If something is incorrect, they should bring it to the attention of government officials by following the challenge process laid out on the map.

This input will help identify and capture gaps in service and coverage.

As some may be aware of, the City is currently soliciting proposals from broadband internet providers to increase and expand Joplin residential and business connectivity and speeds. As part of this process, we are encouraging everyone to submit their connectivity information to the State of Missouri by going to the FCC map portal.

And for those taking their Christmas trees down and not sure how to dispose of them – the City offers three locations that residents can drop them off free of charge. Locations include:

- Humphrey Park on Utica Street in the Royal Heights area;
- McIndoe Park at Glendale Road and Jackson Avenue – place trees in southwest corner of parking lot; and
- Public Works Center at 1301 West 2nd Street.

Citizens should ensure that their tree is completely stripped of all decorations, and place it near the “Christmas Tree Drop-Off” sign posted at one of these locations. The sites are open through January 31.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND PETITIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing Procedures were read by City Clerk Holly Nagy

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-250

Mayor Lawson opened the Public Hearing.

Kyler Baker spoke in favor of this item:

No one spoke in opposition to this item.

The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-250

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2023-250 AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2022-274, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, August 1, 2022, by removing from District R-1 (Single-Family Residential) and including in District R-2 (Two-Family Residential) property as described below and located at 2310 W. 2nd St, City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Ms. Spencer that Council Bill No. 2023-250 be placed on First Reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cople, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Stinnett, Spencer, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0, Absent: Shaw, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2023-250.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-252

Mayor Lawson opened the Public Hearing.

Josh Ogoud spoke in favor of this item.

No one spoke in opposition to this item.

The Public Hearing was closed.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-252

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2023-252- AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2022-274, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, August 1, 2022, by removing from District R-1 (Single-Family Residential) and including in District R-4 (Mixed-Density Neighborhood) property as described below and located at 2627 & 2629 S Oliver St, City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Dr. Farnham to table Council Bill No. 2023-252. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cople, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Stinnett, Spencer, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0, Absent: Shaw, 1. The Bill was tabled.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-251

Mayor Lawson opened the Public Hearing

Bo Bennett spoke in favor of this item.

No one spoke in opposition to this item.

The Public Hearing was closed.

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2023-251 - AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2022-274, passed by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, August 1, 2022, by removing from District R-1 (Single-Family Residential) and including in District C-3 (Commercial) property as described below and located at 5850 E. 20th St, City of Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Ms. Spencer that Council Bill No. 2023-251 be placed on First Reading and passed. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Stinnett, Spencer, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0, Absent: Shaw, 1. The Bill was read as Council Bill No. 2023-251

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. DeTar to approve the Consent Agenda. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Stinnett, Spencer, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Shaw, 1.

Minutes of the December 19, 2022, City Council Meeting

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2022-543 - AN ORDINANCE approving a Memorandum of Understanding by and between the City of Joplin and Missouri Southern State University (MSSU) to provide One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$1,500,000.00) from the City's allocation of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) as a part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the construction of a new Health Science Innovation Center. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-001**.

RESOLUTIONS**ORDINANCES – EMERGENCY**COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-001

Mr. DeTar introduced Council Bill No. 2023-001 - AN ORDINANCE approving the 2023 Labor Agreement by and between the City of Joplin, Missouri, and the Joplin Professional Firefighters IAFF Local 59, and authorizing the City Manager to execute the same by and on behalf of the City; and, containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. DeTar, second by Ms. Williams that Council Bill No. 2023-001 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Stinnett, Spencer, and Williams, 7. Nays: 0. Abstained: Copple, 1. Absent: Shaw, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-002**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-100

Dr. Farnham introduced Council Bill No. 2022-100 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into a work authorization with Allgeier, Martin and Associates, Inc. for engineering consulting services not to exceed the amount of Ninety-Five Thousand and no/100 Dollars (95,000.00) for a Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition (SCADA) for the Turkey Creek Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) and the Shoal Creek Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF), authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin, and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Dr. Farnham, second by Mr. Cortez that Council Bill No. 2023-100 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cople, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Stinnett, Spencer, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Shaw, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-003**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-101

Dr. Farnham introduced Council Bill No. 2022-101 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing the City of Joplin to enter into a work authorization with Allgeier, Martin and Associates, Inc. for engineering consulting services not to exceed the amount of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand and no/100 Dollars (\$350,000.00) for Shoal Creek Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) Nova Filter Replacement, authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin, and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Dr. Farnham, second by Mr. Cortez that Council Bill No. 2023-101 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cople, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Stinnett, Spencer, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Shaw, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-004**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-102

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2022-102 - AN ORDINANCE authorizing a work authorization with Allgeier, Martin and Associates, Inc. for engineering consulting services in the not to exceed amount of Two Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$254,000.00) for design of the Filmore Bridge and Tin Cup Lift Station Improvements project, authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin, and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Ms. Spencer that Council Bill No. 2023-102 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cople, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Stinnett, Spencer, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Shaw, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-005**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2023-500

Mr. Cople introduced Council Bill No. 2022-500 - AN ORDINANCE amending the Annual Budget of the City of Joplin for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 as adopted by Ordinance 2022-161 on October 17, 2022, to adjust appropriations and containing an emergency clause. Motion by Mr. Cople, second by Mr. Cortez that Council Bill No. 2023-500 be passed on an emergency basis. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cople, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Stinnett, Spencer, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Shaw, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-006**.

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

SECOND AND THIRD READING

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2022-158

Mr. Cortez introduced Council Bill No. 2022-158 - AN ORDINANCE approving the City of Joplin to enter into a construction agreement with Joplin Industrial Electric Inc. in the amount of Seventy-Eight Thousand, Five Hundred Fifty-Seven and 00/100 Dollars, (\$78,557.00) for the 1st Floor Remodel project; and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin. Motion by Mr. Cortez, second by Mr. Stinnett to pass Council Bill No. 2020-158 on Second Reading, advance to Third Reading and pass. Voting in favor were Council Members: Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Stinnett, Spencer, and Williams, 7. Nays: Copple, 1. Absent: Shaw, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-007**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2022-403

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2022-403 - AN ORDINANCE approving the City of Joplin to enter into a construction agreement with Joplin Industrial Electric Inc. in the amount of Seventy-Eight Thousand, Five Hundred Fifty-Seven and 00/100 Dollars, (\$78,557.00) for the 1st Floor Remodel project; and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Dr. Farnham to pass Council Bill No. 2020-403 on Second Reading, advance to Third Reading and pass. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Stinnett, Spencer, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Shaw, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-008**.

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2022-404

Mr. Stinnett introduced Council Bill No. 2022-404 - AN ORDINANCE approving the City of Joplin to enter into a construction agreement with Joplin Industrial Electric Inc. in the amount of Seventy-Eight Thousand, Five Hundred Fifty-Seven and 00/100 Dollars, (\$78,557.00) for the 1st Floor Remodel project; and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute the same by and on behalf of the City of Joplin. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Mr. Cortez to pass Council Bill No. 2020-404 on Second Reading, advance to Third Reading and pass. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Stinnett, Spencer, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Shaw, 1. The Council Bill was declared adopted and entitled **Ordinance No. 2023-009**.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

CASE NO. 068-22

Mr. Stinnett introduced Case No. 068-22- Rezoning – 634 N Main St – A request to review the Site Plan for future development – Gus Properties, LLC. Motion by Mr. Stinnett, second by Dr. Farnham to table Case No. 068-22. Voting in favor were Council Members: Copple, Cortez, DeTar, Farnham, Lawson, Stinnett, Spencer, and Williams, 8. Nays: 0. Absent: Shaw, 1. This item was tabled.

Ms. Spencer brought up the subject of the recreational marijuana tax.

City Council would like to consider a 3% sales tax on recreational marijuana. This item will be brought back as an emergency ordinance on January 17, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully,

Holly Nagy, City Clerk, MRCC